



FRIDAY EVENING, SEP. 15, 1905.

As was stated in yesterday's Gazette, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has rendered a decision that will seriously affect a number of proprietary medicines composed largely of distilled liquors. He has reversed a ruling of his department made many years ago, and now decides that the manufacturers of these medicines must take out licenses as rectifiers and liquor dealers and that druggists and others handling them will have to pay the usual retail liquor dealers' licenses. The commissioner says his ruling applies to every alcoholic compound labeled as a remedy for diseases and containing, in addition to distilled spirits, only substances or ingredients which, however large their quantity, are not of a character to impart any medicinal quality to the compound. The ruling goes into effect December 1, 1905, but collectors are at once instructed to send out notices to all druggists and merchants dealing in proprietary medicines that after December 1 they will be required to pay the special tax as liquor dealers for selling compounds coming within the rule. It is believed that the decision reaches several widely-known medicines. In some instances these medicines have been found to contain as high as 45 per cent. of alcohol, and there are many on the market, it is said, that contain 25 per cent. of alcohol. These medicines are said to have immense sales in prohibition communities. About a quarter of a century ago an analysis was made of certain alleged panaceas, all of which were found to contain a large percentage of whisky, and that, too, of a cheap variety. These compounds were at one time sold in grocery stores by the drink. It is said that a man can become intoxicated upon some patent medicines which have immense sales, and it is asserted that in many cases women consume these compounds to such an extent that they acquire an appetite for stimulants which follows them through life.

A TABLE of births and deaths in Pittsburgh in the last fourteen years shows a startling decrease in the number of births, notwithstanding a large increase in population. In 1891 there were 7,087 births, the rate per thousand being 28.51. The table shows a decrease in the birth rate in fourteen years to 21.74, more than 7 per cent. The figures for the first three months of this year are surprising. In 1891 the excess of births over deaths was 1,235. This year the excess has been wiped out and the conditions reversed, there being a decrease of twenty-three births over the deaths rate. In commenting upon the report, Dr. Booth, the city physician, said: "The figures show that race suicide is a fact, and I think more so in Pittsburgh than in any of the larger cities of the country. There is also another feature. At the present advanced age the physicians save 50 per cent more babies than they did ten years ago. The advance made in science has reduced the loss of cases to the minimum. Taking this into consideration, together with the increase in population and such a decided decrease in the birth rate, it shows that something is radically wrong. It again proves that President Roosevelt is right in his theories on race suicide."

DESPITE denials to the contrary there is a strong impression that the city democratic committee will take arbitrary action and name a candidate for clerk of the courts, which would mean that the name of the candidate thus appointed would be the only one on the democratic ticket for that office at the November election. It is hoped that no such step will be taken by the committee. Even if by the broadest stretching of the rules governing primaries the committee has the power to take such drastic action, it has no right under the circumstances to do so, nor would there be justice in such a procedure. The democratic voters want a fair field and a square deal and the committee is warned that if these are not accorded something will happen. Such arbitrary action, if it should really be taken by the committee, would have a tendency to disrupt the democratic party in this city.

THE War Department continues to receive complaints from the Philippines in regard to the khaki clothing issue. General Leonard Wood is the latest critic, and he says that better material of the same kind of cloth is furnished to the British army and is obtained from Hong Kong and other Eastern ports. The khaki in that case is lighter, more durable, and is protected against fading, spotting and decay, complaints which are made against the American product. The army quartermasters, however, who have charge of this cloth say that the New-

York product is better than the British material and as these officers are of course the most "interested" what they say will probably go.

DEATH comes in divers ways and unexpected places. While Mr. and Mrs. J. H. King, of Mobile, Ala., were visiting their former home at Williston, Miss., they went to the cemetery to visit the grave of one of their children. While there a tombstone fell on their four-year-old son, killing him instantly. He was buried beside the remains of his brother.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15. Delegations from Alexandria, Abingdon and Lynchburg were before Secretary of the Treasury Shaw and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes today in reference to the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in the Sixth district, now located in Alexandria. Mr. Summers, the new collector, wants the office at his home in Abingdon, the Alexandrians want it retained in their city, and Lynchburg wants it in case a change of location is made. Mr. Summers and Judge Page spoke for Abingdon, Congressman Rixey and Mr. Harlow for Alexandria. The impression about the department is that the office will be removed to Abingdon and that through the influence of Congressman Slemph it had been agreed upon some time since, so that the Alexandrians today had their trouble for their pains.

In his annual report just received by the War Department Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, commanding the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y., says that it is his belief that seventy-five per cent. of the large number of trials by court-martial during the past year were due to the use of bad liquor dispensed to the soldiers "by persons who conduct dens of vice in the vicinity of military posts." Gen. Grant, in commenting on this condition of affairs, makes an urgent recommendation for the re-establishment of the canteen feature of the post exchange.

Through the complaint of B. H. Warren, Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Pennsylvania, the Postoffice Department has issued a fraud order against Huestis & Co., of Jersey City, N. J. This firm advertised to "make a pound of good butter from a pint of milk and only a teaspoonful of our secret preparation."

Midshipman Hamilton E. Hutchins, a member of the graduating class of the Naval Academy, has been dismissed from the service because of continued violations of the regulations of the Academy. Young Hutchins is the son of a naval officer and was appointed to the Academy by the President from "at large." He has been frequently reported to the Navy Department for misconduct and his demerits at last reached such proportions as to result in his discharge today.

It is pretty well settled now that Mr. Swanson will not resign his seat in Congress until after the election in Virginia, because the intervening time is too short between this and the election to properly conduct operations looking to the successful election of his successor. Mr. Swanson will not resign until after the general election. After he sends in his resignation, a special election will be ordered and there is no doubt of the democrats successfully filling the place with a good Virginia Democrat.

Judge Charles F. Scott, of the Police Court, died at his residence, 1455 Biney street, last night from a complication of sciatica and stomach trouble.

Charles S. Blundheim was today appointed postmaster at Brickhaven, Alexandria county, vice Hugh J. Phillips, resigned.

Mr. Fairfax Resigns.

Mr. Henry Fairfax, of Loudoun, a member of the Virginia State Corporation Commission, has resigned his position, to take effect on the qualification of his successor. Governor Montague has offered the position to Lieut. Gov. Joseph E. Willard, recently a candidate for the governorship. Colonel Willard is in New York and has not yet intimated what he will do, but it is presumed that he will accept.

The appointment is for Mr. Fairfax's unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the legislature. The full term is six years and the salary \$4,500 annually.

Mr. Fairfax's term expires February 1. He has been for some time considering the question of resigning, since his duties took him away from his family and from his farm. He has made an enviable record on the commission.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the legislature in joint session, and the term will expire on February 1, 1906. The appointment for the full term of six years from February 1, 1906, must be made by the Governor during the month of January of that year. The salary of a Corporation Commissioner in Virginia is \$4,500 per year, and the terms are for six years each.

The present commissioners were named by Governor Montague, and took office February 1, 1903.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Arthur J. Hopper, of Jersey City, shot himself at noon today, at Dwyers Hotel, in Paterson. He was intoxicated and the bullet took effect in his left leg.

A dispatch from Dakar, French West Africa, received today, reports that Comte de Brazza, the well-known French explorer, is dead. He has been gravely ill for some days past.

Charles Meyers, of Mattawan, N. J., 70 years old, sick and penniless, committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid this morning. He left a note stating that he had committed the act because of inability to work, and having no home nor money.

The Carnegie Steel Company will on Saturday pay out the enormous sum of \$2,000,000 to its workmen in the Pittsburgh district. This will probably be the record-breaking pay for three weeks. Banks with which the big corporation deals are bustling for the cash.

Another Demand on Turkey.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—The Tagblatt says that the United States has demanded the release of another American named Apikjian, who is under sentence of death at Constantinople. While inquiry is being made to establish the genuineness of the claim of Apikjian to American citizenship, the porte protests that every Armenian is thus encouraged to claim American citizenship.

News of the Day.

The armistice between the Japanese and the Russian armies goes into effect tomorrow.

Vice Admiral Rojstrensky has completely recovered from the wounds which he sustained at the battle of the Sea of Japan, will not return to Russia until the peace treaty is ratified.

Senator Gorman spent yesterday at the Hotel Rennett, in Baltimore, where he conferred with his lieutenants. A committee to conduct the fight for the Poe amendment will be named.

Dr. John Kenney Johns died at his home, on the Manadier farm, about five miles from Easton, Md., Wednesday night, aged 75 years. Dr. Johns was a native of Frederick county, Md.

Two thousand printers are on strike in Chicago. They demand eight hours a day and closed shop conditions. Printers have also struck in New Haven, Conn., St. Louis, Topeka and Niagara Falls.

Philadelphia society hears that Anthony J. Drexel, son of Anthony J. who founded the banking house of Drexel & Co., is about to expatriate himself and, following the example of William Waldorf Astor, settle in England and simply collect his income from this country.

A contract for the hotel and substantial concession on the Panama canal zone, awarded to Jacob E. Markel, of Omaha, Neb., by President Theodore P. Shonts, of the Panama Railroad Company, will stand. This, in effect, is the decision of President Roosevelt, who yesterday approved a report on the subject made to him by Mr. Shonts.

Four men were killed, six were seriously burned and a dozen more were stunned by lightning which wrecked a crowded poultry exhibition tent at the county fair at Indiana, Iowa, yesterday. The lightning struck the tent pole, splitting it in two, and tearing the sides of the tent into shreds. Hundreds of the chickens on exhibition were killed.

Indications last night are that the threatened strike of freight handlers employed by the railroads in Chicago will not take place, the union having decided to waive the demand for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages. The railroads yesterday offered modifications in working hours and pay while injured. The executive committee of the union last night decided to advise the men to accept the proposal of the railroads.

Mrs. Mary Horn, who lived with her husband at St. George, Staten Island, yesterday was beaten to death by one of two men who called at her house during the afternoon and with whom she was heard quarreling. It is said by neighbors that Mrs. Horn ordered the men out of her house and it was while she was in the front yard that she was attacked. The women staggering 200 yards from her house and then sank to the ground, being dead when help arrived.

Alleging that David E. Sherrick, auditor of State of Indiana, is guilty of "a plain and inexcusable violation of the law and a gross betrayal of public trust" in that he invested funds belonging to the State in private affairs to the extent of about \$145,000, Gov. Hanly yesterday issued an executive order, in which he took cognizance of a vacancy in the office and appointed Warren Bigler, of Wabash, as his successor. This in effect amounts to a removal of Mr. Sherrick by the governor.

March of the Cholera.

The official bulletin issued yesterday in Berlin announced 9 fresh cases of cholera and 2 deaths during the 24 hours ended at noon, making a total of 183 cases and 66 deaths. Five cases, previously notified as cholera were not that disease. The new cases are one each in Stargard, Wronow, Bromberg and Colmar, two at Schubin and three at Marienwerder. The health office is confident that cholera will be held in check, although some cases probably will develop for several weeks. An annoying thing to the health authorities is that while everything known in modern methods of combatting infectious diseases has been applied on the German side of the eastern frontier, on the Russian side it is feared some laxity exists, owing to the less effective government and sanitary machinery.

It has been established bacteriologically that a woman died of cholera at Domewitz, on the river Elbe.

It is officially announced that the governments of Courland and Volhynia in Russia are menaced by cholera, and the authorities have taken precautions to prevent an invasion of the disease.

Suicide Compact.

In carrying out her part of a suicide compact entered into with her chum, Cleo Messier, who committed suicide at Muncie, Ind., a month ago, Miss Chloe Thompson, aged 17, yesterday swallowed a quantity of arsenic in Muncie, Ind., and death resulted last night. Miss Thompson was with the Messier girl when she ended her life, and she, too, had purchased poison and intended dying with her, but she postponed her act until yesterday. Relatives then suspected that she planned suicide, and watched her. She swallowed the poison yesterday while on a downtown street, called a cab and then calmly directed that she be driven home. She became unconscious while in the cab, and died soon after. She was the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, and the Messier girl was a daughter of Rev. Amos Messier, a well-known minister of Marion. The girls agreed upon suicide after a quarrel with sweethearts.

Battled Over Negroes.

A dispatch from New Madrid, Mo., says: Information has reached here that Wednesday night a mob of whites attacked Owen Delaney and his negro workmen at Henderson Mound and a pitched battle ensued, in which about 75 shots were fired and the side of the house in which Delaney was stopping was shot to pieces. Delaney was wounded in the hand, and it is thought that some of the mob were hit. Delaney came to New Madrid yesterday and bought all the rifles in town, declaring he is going to keep the negroes at work in spite of any resistance. The anti-negro element has been reinforced and further trouble was expected last night. It is stated that troops will be asked for.

Labor Candidate Defeated.

London, Sept. 15.—In the bye-election for the North Bedfordshire seat, Daniel Hixon, conservative, was elected over Mr. Walker, the labor candidate, by a vote of 4,440 to 3,966.

Virginia News.

State Senator J. H. Hutchinson, of Mecklenburg county, is under treatment at a hospital in Richmond. His shoulder was dislocated by a fall.

Mrs. A. D. Atkinson, proprietress of the Richmond Hotel, fractured her hip by a fall from her phaeton while out driving in Richmond Wednesday afternoon.

The interest of the state of West Virginia in Capon Springs has been sold to Charles F. Nelson, formerly of Winchester. He paid \$5,000 for the property at public auction.

Mr. William T. Brown, son of Mr. Samuel P. Brown, and Miss Bertha J. Smith, daughter of Mr. Edward J. Smith, both of Lincoln, Loudoun county, were married yesterday at the residence of the bride's parents.

The Retail Furniture Dealers' Association adjourned in Richmond yesterday, after deciding to meet at Norfolk next year. The following officers were elected: President G. B. Snyder, Richmond; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Gilaud, Charlottesville.

After a period of more than two years of nominal dryness, the four wards of Danville on the south side of the river, at an election held yesterday under the local option law, gave a majority of eighteen in favor of licensing the sale of liquor. There was no election in the two wards in North Danville.

The republicans of Loudoun county held a meeting at Lynchburg Wednesday afternoon. Judge L. L. Lewis, republican candidate for governor; William H. Egghorn, of Culpeper, candidate for commissioner of agriculture, and William B. King, of the republican State committee, were the principal speakers.

L. K. Culberson, charged with illegal voting in the recent municipal election, was before the Police Court in Richmond yesterday and was committed to jail to await trial. Culberson was captured in York, Pa., where he had been working in a quarry. He said that if he did any wrong at the election he did not know it; that he was acting on the advice of others.

A match or a nail becoming entangled in a woolpicking machine caused the destruction by fire of the picker building of the Williams Bros.' woolen mill, a mile southeast of Winchester yesterday morning. In addition to the building, two big pickers, a duster, and 3,000 pounds of wool were destroyed, causing a loss of \$2,000 with little insurance. The mill force kept the conflagration from the main building until the arrival of the Winchester firemen, who extinguished the fire.

COURT OF APPEALS.

In the Court of Appeals in Staunton yesterday the following decisions were handed down:

By James Keith, president—Graves vs. Scott, Circuit Court Giles county, reversed; Scott vs. Thomas et al., Circuit Court of Floyd county, reversed in part and affirmed in part.

By Judge R. H. Cardwell—Wise Terminal Company vs. McCormick, Circuit Court Wise, reversed; Neece vs. Neece et al., Circuit Court Dickenson county, affirmed.

By Judge John A. Buchanan—South and Western Railway Company vs. Commonwealth ex rel., &c., Corporation Court of Bristol, reversed; Robertson vs. Wampler, guardian, &c., Circuit Court Wise county, affirmed; Prudential Life Insurance Company vs. Alley, Circuit Court Wise county, affirmed.

By Judge George M. Harrison—Dixon vs. Paddock, Circuit Court Wise county, affirmed; The Great Falls Power Company vs. Great Falls and Old Dominion Railway Company, State Corporation Commission, reversed; Spencer, &c., vs. Flannery, administrator, &c., Circuit Court of Lee county, affirmed.

By Judge Stafford G. Whittle—Cupp vs. Lester, Circuit Court Montgomery County, affirmed; Commonwealth, &c., vs. Wampler, Circuit Court of Wise county, affirmed; South and Western Railway Company vs. Virginia and Southern Railway Company, Circuit Court Scott county, affirmed.

Town Manassas vs. School Board of Manassas, District No. 5, Circuit Court of Prince William county. Appeal and supersedeas; bond, \$200.

The following were the proceedings of the Court of Appeals for yesterday:

Messrs. C. P. Jones, Jr., and Charles A. Hammond qualified to practice in this court.

Donable's administrator vs. Town of Harrisonburg; argued and submitted.

Petition of Minnie E. Sherman et al., of Rockingham county, for supersedeas refused.

McDonald, administrator, vs. Norfolk and Western Railroad Company; writ of error and supersedeas awarded.

Pence vs. Life; argued and submitted.

Next cases—Risques, administrator vs. Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company; Town of Glasgow vs. Mathews.

COMMUNICATED.

The Late John S. Beach.

He was loved by the boys he taught at school in the early seventies. And the unanimous sentiment, not only of the boys of 1870, but those of later years, is "Peace to his ashes."

The familiar roll-call, with the names of Francis J. Pollard, Geo. A. Nowland, Chas. T. Hellmuth, Wm. H. Hellmuth, Samuel L. Monroe, John W. May, Winfield M. Simpson, Julius Rosenthal, Stephen Ford, and many others the writer does not recall, will testify to the love they bore for him. Gentle, kind, true and honest was the character he had earned, not only in the estimation of the boys he taught but by the community in which he lived. Such many qualities will be and are appreciated by all the world. In this life, and will be fittingly rewarded in the world to come.

OLD STUDENT.

Query.

The electric railway has been double tracked from Alexandria to Washington and yet when there is any kind of an association in session in Washington the managers will take all the trains for their convenience in a trip to Mt. Vernon and let the commuters wait until they get back, no matter how long. Yesterday it was about an hour. Is this right? Who is to blame? I have been traveling on this road ever since it was completed and I have never failed to wait their biding when there was an excursion to Mt. Vernon. It looks to me as if they don't care whether we get home or not, just so they keep their cars in service.

COMMUNICATED.

Mr. Editor: The electric railway has been double tracked from Alexandria to Washington and yet when there is any kind of an association in session in Washington the managers will take all the trains for their convenience in a trip to Mt. Vernon and let the commuters wait until they get back, no matter how long. Yesterday it was about an hour. Is this right? Who is to blame? I have been traveling on this road ever since it was completed and I have never failed to wait their biding when there was an excursion to Mt. Vernon. It looks to me as if they don't care whether we get home or not, just so they keep their cars in service.

COMMUNICATED.

Geo. H. Hayden, Commuter.

Today's Telegraphic News.

From Richmond. [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, Va., Sept. 15.—The appointment of Lieut. Gov. Willard, on the Corporation Commission gives general satisfaction here and it is believed by his friends he will accept. Mr. Ellison will open headquarters tomorrow and announced a batch of appointments. Included in it will be one for Gov. Montague, at Lovingsstone, in Nelson county. Mr. Swanson will return here tonight and enter the campaigns Monday at Hanover.

Threatened Lynching.

New York, Sept. 15.—For having stabbed and brutally killed Thomas Morrissey, a newsboy, near the Cortlandt street ferry, this morning, Wm. J. Stewart and Henry Hallen, who are alleged to be striking mail wagon drivers, came near being lynched at the dock of the ferry. Only the prompt action of Detective Sohan and Police Murphy, of the Charles street station, prevented the men from being strung up in true western style. The men were finally landed safely in the Church street station. The striking mail wagon drivers have been making it a habit to visit the ferries early in the morning to raid the wagons that go across the North river. A number of them were doing this at the Cortlandt street ferry, and one of them, Stewart, tipped over Morrissey's news stand. Hot words followed. Stewart and Hallen it is alleged, kicked the boy several times and ran. The boy gave chase when both men turned upon him, one of them stabbing him just above the heart. In the meantime, a crowd had collected and chased the men, who finally sought shelter in a toilet room in the ferry house. There they were found by Sohan and Murphy, who prevented the crowd from doing violence by drawing their revolvers and clubs.

The Indiana Auditorship.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 15.—On a warrant issued by the State prosecutor and served by detectives from the police department, David E. Sherrick, who resigned as State auditor last yesterday, was arrested last night on a charge of embezzlement. The affidavit on which the warrant is issued charges that Sherrick has embezzled the funds of the State to the amount of \$145,000. When Sherrick received the summons he was greatly agitated and showed reluctance to accompany the officers, but he submitted. After some consultation it was decided that the detectives should remain with him at his home during the night. The prosecutor did not fix the amount of the bail, but it will not be less than \$100,000, as the delinquent, as charged by Governor Hanley, is in excess of that sum. The Governor appointed Warren Bigler, of Wabash, as auditor who will take charge of the office today.

Baron Komura's Condition.

New York, Sept. 15.—Baron Komura, the senior Japanese plenipotentiary, who is ill at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, passed a quiet night and, according to M. Sato, the spokesman of the Japanese party, the Baron's condition indicates nothing serious or alarming. M. Sato, this morning, made the following authorized statement to a representative of the Publishers Press "Dr. Janeway was called in consultation this morning by Dr. Pritchard in the case of Baron Komura. As the result of the joint conference of doctors Delafield, Janeway and Pritchard, it is announced that no final conclusive diagnosis is yet possible. The Baron passed a quiet night. His condition indicates nothing serious, or alarming."

General Strike.

Moscow, Sept. 15.—Workmen and revolutionists have organized a new general strike as a protest against an action of government in continuing to prohibit public meetings. The organizers of the strike hope to call out 100,000 men.

London, Sept. 15.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company at St. Petersburg telegraphs that alarming reports have been received from the various Jewish districts to the effect that Jews throughout the Empire are arming themselves. The Jews are also said to be spreading broadcast literature prepared by students at the Universities of St. Petersburg and Moscow, summoning the people to begin a revolution.

Costly Suicide.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 15.—The suicide of Walter S. Walton, the Leicester milkman, who threw himself into one of the reservoirs of the Worcester system last Saturday night, will cost the city of Worcester \$17,000 in value of water. The body was in the water from Saturday night until Wednesday night, and the Worcester people are frightened over the possibility of contamination of its water supply. The Manville reservoir is known as No. 2 of the Worcester system and contains 170,000,000 gallons of water. The finding of the body has resulted in Mayor Blodgett ordering the water department to draw off the contents of that reservoir immediately.

The Trial of the Beet Packers.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Important government witnesses wanted to testify in the trial of the packing officials indicted for conspiracy to monopolize the packing business cannot be found by government agents, according to officials at the District Attorney's office. Secret service men and United States marshals are kept busy hunting for those wanted but their efforts are proving unavailing.

Jerry Simpson Loses His Voice.

Roswell, N. M., Sept. 5.—Jerry Simpson's illness has caused him to lose his voice. He is now able to be out for the first time since his illness two months ago. Simpson is a mere skeleton of his former self, but his physicians say he will recover, although he will never be able to speak above a whisper.

Neutral Sea Zone.

Russian headquarters, Coochiaten, Manchuria, Sept. 15.—Following the signing of the armistice by Generals Okanovsky and Fukushima, representing the Russian and Japanese armies, respectively, naval envoys will meet in a bay near Vladivostok to determine what shall constitute the neutral sea zone. The armistice was signed Wednesday night after a conference lasting nine hours.

Starting Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. E. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliaryness." 25c at E. S. Leadbeater, & Sons, druggists.

Body Identified.

New York, Sept. 15.—The body of the young woman who committed suicide at the Manhattan Hotel Wednesday, where she registered as Miss W. A. Wiley, has been identified as that of Miss Ella Berry, of West Medford, Mass. Lorenzo D. Berry, the father and John Berry, brother of the dead girl, arrived this morning from West Medford, and made the identification at Alford's undertaking establishment. The father and brother were very much overcome by grief. Mr. Berry said that his daughter was 21 years of age, and was employed as a bookkeeper and stenographer by a West Medford firm. Last summer she went on a vacation in Maine to a place where her employer also took his vacation. In some manner the story became current that the pair had eloped. The story became widely circulated and greatly depressed the girl. On her return home she traced the story to its source and secured a public retraction. In spite of this, the affair preyed upon the girl's mind. She grew more depressed and for days would not speak to any one. Mr. Berry said that he believed his daughter's mind was affected and asked her to go away but she declined. On Tuesday she left for business as usual, but did not return. Yesterday he received a letter from her, stating that she could never recover from the libels that had been circulated about her. She asked that some member of the family come and get her body.

Charges Against a Member of Parliament.

London, Sept. 15.—Additional charges were brought against Hugh Watt, financier and former member of parliament in court today, when he was brought in for further hearing. Watt was arrested recently on charges brought by a private detective named Marshall, who alleged that Watt had tried to bribe him to kill the former Mrs. Watt, who had secured a divorce. Watt was alleged, bitterly hated the woman and tried to induce the detective to inveigle the woman to his apartments where it was proposed to chloroform her to death.

Fresh charges were brought today that Watt also tried to get a news vendor to commit the crime. It was alleged that he offered the news vendor \$750 and five dollars a week for life if he would induce the woman to go out on the river Thames in a small boat where she could be killed and her body consigned to the waves. Another charge brought today alleges that Watt offered a man named Shuttle the same reward if he would run over and kill Sir Reginald Beauchamp who divorced his wife in 1901, naming Watt as the co-respondent. After several witnesses had testified in support of the prosecution's charges the case was adjourned until next Friday. Watt was released on giving a bond of \$15,000.

Sweden and Norway.

Oslo, Sept. 15.—Advices received here from Karlstad, Sweden, where the commissioners of Sweden and Norway are meeting for the dissolution of the union between the two nations, say that the situation is improving. There is no reason, according to the latest information received here, for the alarmist reports which have been sent out to the effect that the commissioners have delivered an ultimatum which is likely to result in war between the two countries.

London, Sept. 15.—The Swedish minister called at the foreign office today and had a long interview with Lord Lansdowne. It is reported that Lord Lansdowne asked that Norway and Sweden arbitrate their dispute over the dissolution of the two countries.

Dead Engineer at Throttle.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Sept. 15.—The Pacific Express of the Erie Railroad ran for miles with a dead engineer in the cab this morning. When it passed Deposit, at 2:59 o'clock this morning, at the rate of fifty miles an hour, and did not stop, the fireman, Young, climbed into the cab and found Engineer Merritt Turner dead. Young stopped the train and backed to the station, where another engineer was substituted. It is supposed that Turner died somewhere between Hancock and Deposit. The fireman did not notice anything wrong until the train passed Deposit.

The United States and Nicaragua.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 15.—President Roosevelt has no desire to overawe or intimidate the Nicaraguan government, according to Secretary Loeb, who, this morning, explained the reason for the sending of a warship to the South American republic. "Consul Lee has been ordered to investigate the Albers case," said Mr. Loeb, "and as there was no way for him to go to Ocoatl unless a ship of some sort was sent, a naval vessel was placed at his disposal. Without the use of a ship it would take Mr. Lee weeks or months to make the trip."

Divided on Negro Question.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 15.—At the joint convention in this city of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America and the International Association of Car Workers, the two bodies became divided on the question of admitting negroes as members and affiliation with the members of the American Federation of Labor. Admission of negroes and affiliation were opposed by the carmen. Amalgamation of the two bodies is thought not to be probable.

Yellow Fever.

New Orleans, Sept. 15.—There were 47 new cases of yellow fever and six deaths from the disease in this city yesterday. There have been a total of 2,462 cases and 329 deaths to date. Patterson continues to show the most distressing conditions, the number of new cases there being 29, although there was but one death.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Sept. 15.—The stock list opened strong, the greatest amount of interest being attached to Walsh securities, although dealings in them were not heavy as compared with a dozen other active stocks. The market fell off somewhat in interest during